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ON APRIL 7 I HAD LONG UNSTRUCTURED CHAT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF RISING COST OF LIVING (ESPECIALLY HOUSING) IN BAHRAIN AND ITS EFFECT ON NAVY DEPENDENTS AS WELL AS OTHER AMERICANS. HIS REMARKS WERE ALL IN CONTEXT OF HOW NAVY (AND OTHERS) MIGHT WEATHER THE 2-3 YEAR FINANCIAL STORM OF CURRENT BOOM TO SEEK MORE COMFORTABLE FUTURE DAYS. AT END, I ASKED WHEN WE COULD EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST FORCE NEGOTIATIONS. HE LAUGHED AND SAID "THE PAPERS ARE WITH ME AND SINCE WASHINGTON HAS KEPT US WAITING THREE MONTHS FOR ANSWERS, I AM SURE YOU CAN WAIT A FEW MORE DAYS". THEN HE ASKED IF I COULD GET JOE KRAFT, WHOM HE IS SEEING APRIL 8, TO ASK HIM ABOUT SOMETHING "CURRENT" LIKE THE U.S. BUSINESS ROLE IN BAHRAIN RATHER THAN THAT "TIRED OLD ISSUE OF THE U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE GULF". (LATER KRAFT SAID HE WOULD.)

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2. COMMENT: NONE, EXCEPT THAT THE PAPER IS FLOWING SLOWLY
HERE NOWADAYS AND I SEE NO HARD BASIS FOR THINKING GOB'S
DELAY, BRIEF COMPARED TO SOME OF OURS ON THIS ISSUE, REFLECTS
ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE SORT OF BUREAUCRATIC DELUGE WASHINGTON
IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH.
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